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LORNE AND LOUISE.

BY EUGENE FIELD.

With tragic air the lovelorn heir
Once chased the chaste Louise;
She quickly guessed her guest was there
To please her with his pleas.

Now at her side he kneeling sighed
His sighs of woful size;
"Oh, hear me here, for lo, most low
I rise before your eyes.

This soul is sole thine own, Louise—
'Twill never wean, I ween,
The love that I for aye shall feel,
Tho' mean may be its mien!"

"You know I cannot tell you no,"
The maid made answer true—
"To love you aught as sure I ought—
To you 'tis due I do!"

"Since you are won, O fairest one,
The marriage rite is right—
The chapel aisle I'll lead you up
This night," exclaimed the knight.

What Mormonism Means.

A GLIMPSE AT THE INNER SIDE OF POLYGAMY—THE AGONY OF THE FIRST WIFE, WHO SEES HERSELF SUPPLANTED BY A YOUNGER AND HANDSOMER WOMAN.

A woman in Salt Lake City, presumably a Gentile, writes to the Sacramento *Union* this powerful protest against polygamy. Some months ago Mr. R. brought the beautiful Miss Finnell home to be our neighbor—a plural Mrs. R. To my surprise I was the recipient of an invitation to attend the supper given in celebration of this event. Mrs. R. (the first) received me kindly, for away down deep in her life this woman and I have qualities in kinship. We sat down to supper at 6 o'clock. Mr. R. and his first wife sat at opposite ends of the table. The new Mrs. R. sat by "Sister Julia." I had the post of honor at the right of the bridegroom. This new kind of Benedict wore an almost sheepish air and was ill at ease throughout. It dawned upon me at last that my presence on such an occasion was a reproach to me. I was more than ashamed of my own stupidity in yielding to what appeared so plainly as a most vulgar curiosity. In such a mood it was of course difficult to be amiable, and as the best substitute for that amiability due from a guest at a marriage feast, I tried to be witty. Suffice it to say, we succeeded in stinging each like a nest of angry hornets, and nothing but our good breeding prevented an open quarrel. We animals fed at that supper with something of the snappishness attributable to feasting wolves.

THAT AGONIZING SUPPER OVER

we stood round the bright fire in the cosy little sitting room. Mr. R. had planned to take his bride to the theatre, and so preparations in the way of gloves, cloaks and bonnets began. The late Miss Finnell was soon toileted for the opera in most fashionable attire. Mrs. R.—my old friend—stood half reclining against the piano. We had been silent for a moment, and, to relieve the embarrassment taking possession of us, I said: "Mrs. R, it almost makes one wish to be a bride again." Mrs R laughed accommodatingly. Just then Mr. R. placed his arm gently around the slender waist of his new bride, folding her handsome opera cloak close to her form and drew her toward him. She responded to this caress by a tender upward glance of her beautiful eyes. Then I looked toward my friend, to find her face as pallid as death, while a look of agonizing malignity, almost froze my blood. I had said aloud in the actual surprise before turning toward her, "As I live, he actually loves this girl." Mrs. R's look met mine squarely.

THAT FACE TOLD ME ALL.

No lies now with ready lips, at the bidding of fealty to religion. That agonized, refined, sensitive face proclaimed the system damned. A woman's natural love rose grandly in the awful denunciation of those fierce eyes. A great throb of pity filled my own woman's heart. I saw all the torture and the noble rage of self restraint. I stepped toward her, as if to hold her in pity to my heart. My Mormon lady friend took me by the arm with almost rude force and whispered warmingly, "Mrs. Castine, for God's sake remember where you are." I did remember, and, discomfited, returned to my place near the mantle. Amid this little flurry the bridal party took their departure. We women were a silent party at first. Mrs. R. still stood leaning on the piano, with her look bent on me almost resentfully. "You don't think yourself called upon to pity me, Mrs. Castine?" she said, with

AN ALMOST QUARRELSOME TONE.

"I do pity you, Mrs. R, and I have a right to."

"You think me jealous of my new sister, then?"

"Mrs. R., we are both proud women. We only need to look into our hearts to learn what a real woman must feel under the ordeal through which you are passing."

"I am not jealous, Mrs. Castine. Not only not jealous, but happy in this new love of my husband. Our faith teaches us to love these sisters in marriage as our own flesh. This marriage is not an estrangement of my husband's love as it would be in an unsanctified Gentile, but a marriage to myself. In this marriage I live over again my own espousal, my own bridal, and renew again the first sweets of married love."

We were all decidedly uncomfortable, and our two lady companions took their leave together. But my impulse of pity had not been lost, and, without a word having been spoken between us, after our friends retired she sank into a chair and covering her face with her hands she cried out in bitterness, "Oh! Mrs. Castine, I am most wretched! Between me and any celestial lights, or any glory or peace or consolation in this life or in the world to come,

THERE STANDS THAT WOMAN.

Between me and the light of all my religion stands that woman. This girl's face is hateful to me; that my husband should love one for her beauty alone! My imagination cannot be held back from all the soul torturing, crucifying things which follow in the train of this marriage. The box at the theatre holds to-night a man and wife—not more. There are the gentle pressure of hands, the glances of loving eyes, the blending of lives into one destiny in this life, the first exquisite rapture of honeymoon, which cheats itself with the delusion that a capital stock of love has been laid in sufficient to draw upon for life. Beyond these rise, in spite of all pretense of spirituality, the bridal bed, the cradle, the child, in whose veins there can be the commingling life-current of but one father and one mother. All these things one man can have only with one woman in marriage. No, Mrs. Castine; marriage to one woman unmarries a man to all other women or there is no marriage." There was no answer; I offered none, but kissing her cold forehead I left her alone with her desolate sorrow.

"Pinafore's" Successor.

FIRST PRODUCTION OF SULLIVAN AND GILBERT'S NEW OPERETTA, "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE," IN NEW YORK, A COMPLETE SUCCESS—THE TEXT SPARKLING, THE MUSIC BRIGHT AND MERRY AND THE SCENERY PICTURESQUE.

New York World.

The Fifth-Avenue Theatre was crowded last night and laughter rang there loud and long. The splendid audience assembled to see "The Pirates of Penzance" witnessed a most brilliant and complete success. Somebody asked an old manager whether "The Pirates of Penzance" promised to run as well as "Pinafore." The veteran sadly shook his head and replied, "We shall never have another 'Pinafore.'" We may touch lightly upon a few points of difference between the two operettas which seems to provoke legitimate comparison. The fun of "Pinafore" was so clear and simple, both in the text and the music, that it forced itself at once upon the most careless listener. The humor of the "Pirates" is richer, but more recondite. It demands a closer attention to the words than the ordinary play-goer will always give; perhaps it requires a more distinct enunciation than singers usually think it worth while to cultivate. On the other hand, there are great stores of wit and drollery in the dialogue and songs which will well repay exploration, so that the opera ought to gain greatly upon the favor of the public after two or three representations. The music is fresh, bright, elegant and merry, and much of it belongs to a higher order of art than the most popular of the tunes of "Pinafore" There are little gems of melody, and there are duos and concerted numbers of the most delicate device and the most careful construction of which Mr. Sullivan has a good right to be proud. Add to the sparkling text, the excellent music, the droll situations and an unusual abundance of laughable "business," the further charm of a series of stage pictures, in which beautiful scenery and the glow of light and color are deftly used to heighten the effect of pretty groups, and we have a catalogue of attractions to which the public cannot remain insensible. One of the songs is sung by the constables, in which they lament the necessity which obliges them to interfere with the liberty of their erring countrymen. The sergeant leads and the chorus echoes the last syllables of the lines:

When the enterprising burglar isn't burgling,
CHORUS—Isn't burgling.
When the cut-throat isn't occupied with crimes,
CHORUS—'Pied with crimes.
He loves to hear the little brooks a-gurgling,
CHORUS—Brooks a-gurgling,
And listen to the merry village chimes,
CHORUS—Village chimes.

When the coster's finished jumping on his mother,
CHORUS—On his mother,
He loves to lie a-basking in the sun.
CHORUS—In the sun.
Oh! take one consideration with another,
CHORUS—With another,
The Policeman's lot is not a happy one,
CHORUS—Happy one!

The *denouement* of the opera is now brought about by the disclosure throuh Ruth that the Pirates are not ordinary ruffians.

They are members of a common throng:
They are all noblemen who have Gone Wrong!

Whereat the Police kneel to their prisoners:

"Because, with all their faults, we love our House of Peers."

"What, all noblemen?" asks the General.

"Yes, all noblemen," replies the Chief.

"What, all noblemen?"

"Well, nearly all." And here the whole *dramatis personoe* raise three cheers "for the noblemen who have gone wrong."

We must conclude in the words of Gen. Stanley:

I pray you, pardon me, ex-Pirate King!
Peers will be peers, and youth will have its fling;
Resume your seats and legislative duties,
And take my daughters, all of whom are beauties.

The following is going the rounds of the newspapers: Boy called to see Gen. Vance at Washington. He modestly communicated his wishes to the doorkeeper. "Have you a card, sir?" he gruffly growled. "Cards," said the boy, thoughtfully, mechanically running his hand in the rear pockets of his coat: "No, sir; I don't carry 'em." "Where are you from?" inquired the doorkeeper. "North Carolina," was the prompt answer. "Well, how do you do in North Carolina when people go visiting?" "Why, they ride up to a feller's fence and holler to him to tie his dog, and they git down and go in," was the laconic reply.

Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul.

Celestial Space.

When astronomers assure us that the diameters of the circles which the planets describe in their perpetual revolutions around the sun are millions of miles, how is it possible for the mind to take in an idea of the space or room in which such globes as those of eighty or ninety thousand miles in diameter are running, thirty times more rapidly than a cannon ball, without the slightest interference with others?

Space—without limit! There is no boundary, no barrier, no precipitous termination, but space for ever, and there the intellect leaves the pursuit—the brain of man cannot grasp it.

But there is something more perplexing in the belief that interminable space is filled with billions, aye, with countless organized worlds, beyond all human computations, far excelling our own in grandeur of proportions, physical resources and beauty, so immensely distant that no telescope can survey those on the nearest border of that celestial space which they occupy; and yet still beyond and beyond, so far the light they send abroad, at the speed of one hundred and ninety-two millions of miles in one second, and may not reach the earth for a hundred of million of years to come, and there again and again are globes infinitely multipled. Space, then, is a field in which the Almighty displays the majesty of His supreme power.

To a Young Lady.

You think you love the young man who is coming this Sunday night to visit you. Suppose he "declares himself," and asks you to become his wife. Are you prepared to say to him, "I love and will trust you through life with my happiness, and the lives and weal of our children?"

"He is jolly, gay and handsome, and all the darts of Cupid are twinkling and sparkling in his eyes; but will those eyes always find expression from the love of a true soul? To-night he says many pleasant things, and draws pretty pictures for the future. Does he go to-morrow to a work which gives promise to a fulfillment of your desire in life? Does his ambitions and achievments satisfy you? Does his every day life shine with the endeavor of a trustworthy man? If you think and desire a companion in your thinking—one who can unlock the depths of your mind, to what strata of humanity does he belong in the scale of excellence and morality? Is he doing all he can to build future usefulness and happiness in which you can feel blessed? These are questions which the experience of after years make many a woman weep in the bitterness of soul that they were not thought before they answered "Yes."

About Women of Twenty-Five.

The man who meets and loves a woman of twenty-five is truly fortunate, and she is equally fortunate in meeting and loving him, says a writer in a feminine journal. At that age she seldom deceives. She may not have, she is not likely to have then, her first sentimental experience; but such experience at such an age is more than sentimental and rarely ever fleeting. She looks back at the youths she imagined she was enamored of between sixteen and eighteen, or often twenty-two, and they are more than indifferent or repellant to her—as she then was, is ridiculous to herself. She cannot but be grateful to her destiny, that her sympathies and affections have been reserved for a worthier object and higher end. At twenty-five, if ever, a woman knows and estimates herself; she is less liable to emotional or mental mistakes; she is far surer of her fortune, because she feels that her fate is, to a certain extent, within her own hands. Not only is she lovelier and more loveable, broader and stronger than she has been, but her wedded happiness and powers of endurance are in a manner guaranteed.

Wisdom.

Words sometimes wound more than swords.

A pound of care will not pay a pound of debt.

If you would make a thief honest, trust him.

A good book supplies the place of a companion.

The simple flowers are sociable and benevolent.

Fortune can only take from us what she gave us.

Youth looks at the possible, age at the probable.

Faith and hope cure more diseases than medicine.

It is a very proud horse that will not carry his oats.

A Quaker shopkeeper once met a Quacker customer of his going home with her bundles. He had been absent from his place, and had a notion in his wise head that she had been trading with a rival whom he did not love.

"How much did thee give a yard for this, Mary?"

"One dollar."

"Why, I am surprised at thee? I could let thee have it for 75 cents. And how much for this?"

"Two dollars!"

"Why, that was unreasonable. I could have let thee have it for $1.50. Why will thee go away trading with strangers and world's people, Mary?"

"I don't know what thee is talking about, friend John," she said; "but I did buy all these things at thy store, and if thee says the truth thee must owe me considerable money."

Philosophic angler—"I did not catch many fish, but I drowned lots of worms."

A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

In a little white house, on a hillside green,
Lives a beautiful woman as ever was seen;
In the sixty-five years that she lived I may say
She's been growing more beautiful every day.
You do not believe it? Ask Susie, my sister;
She's the very first person that ever had kissed her,
And if she'd not nursed her by night and by day,
Poor, Sue would have been in a very bad way;
I can bring other witnesses whom you may face,
They will tell you the same—they were in the same case.
"Has she lovers?" Yes, surely! No less than eleven.
She has seven on earth, and four up in Heaven.
Her hair is so beautiful—faded and thin;
There are beautiful wrinkles from forehead and chin;
Her eyes are as charming as charming can be,
When she looks o'er her glasses so fondly at me;
And I know by her life, which has beautiful been,
She is like the "king's daughter—all glorious within."
Ah, you've guessed who it is! It could be no other,
I'm sure than my beautiful, darling, good mother.

Translated from the French of Lamenais.

THE DEAD.

BY EUGUENE LLEWELLYN.

They have passed over this earth, they have descended the river of time; we hear their voices on its banks, and then we no longer hear anything.—Where are they? Who will tell us? *Happy are the dead who die in the Lord.*

While they are passing, a thousand vain shadows presented themselves to their view; the world which Christ has cursed showed them its grandeurs, its riches and its pleasures; they saw them, and suddenly they saw nothing save eternity. Where are they? Who will tell us? *Happy are the dead who die in the Lord.*

Like a ray above, a Cross appeared in the distance in order to guide their course, but all did not regard it! Where are they? Who will tell us? *Happy are the dead who die in the Lord.*

There were those who were saying: What is that to which the waves carry us? Is there anything after the swift voyage? We do not know, nobody knows, and as they were saying that the shores vanished. Where are they? Who will tell us? *Happy are the dead who die in the Lord.*

There were those also who seemed, in a deep meditation, to listen to a secret voice, and then having fixed their eyes on the West suddenly they celebrated an invisible morning and a day that never ends. Where are they? Who will tell us? *Happy the dead who die in the Lord.*

Carried away promiscuously, young, old, all disappeared, like the vessel driven by the tempest; one would rather count the sands of the sea than the number of those who made haste to depart. Where are they? Who will tell us? *Happy are the dead who die in the Lord.*

Those who saw them have related what great sadness was in their heart, their breast heaved with anguish, and being so much fatigued by the toil of this life, raising their eyes to heaven, they wept. Where are they? Who will tell us? *Happy are the dead who die in the Lord.*

At the unknown places, where the river looses itself, two voices incessantly ascend.

The one says: From the depth of the abyss I have cried unto Thee, O Lord; hear my complaints, lend an ear to my prayer. If you scrutinize our iniquities, who will sustain Your looks? But with You is mercy and boundless redemption.

And the other: We praise Thee, O God, we bless Thee: Holy, holy, Lord God of host! The heavens and earth are filled with Thy glory.

And we also, soon we shall be in that place from whence proceed the groans, or those songs of triumph. Where will we be? Who will tell us? *Happy are the dead who die in the Lord.*

The Sorrows of Genius.

Homer was a beggar.
Spencer died in want.
Cervantes died of hunger.
Terrence, the dramatist, was a slave.
Dryden lived in poverty and distress.
Sir Walter Raleigh did on the scaffold.
Butler lived a life of penury and died poor.
Bacon lived a life of meanness and distress.
Plautus, the Roman comic poet, turned a mill.
Paul Borghese had fourteen trades, and yet starved with all.
Tasso, the Italian poet, was often distressed for five shillings.
Steele, the humorist, lived a life of perfect warfare with baliffs.
Otaway, the English dramatist, died prematurely, and through hunger.
Chatterton, the child of genius and misfortune, destroyed himself at 18.
Bentivoglio was refused admittance into a hospital he had himself erected.
The death of Collins was through neglect, first causing mental derangement.
Savage died in prison at Bristol, where he was confined for the debt of forty dollars.
Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield" was sold for a trifle to save him from the grip of the law.
Fielding lies in the burying ground of the English factory at Lisbon, without a stone to mark the spot.
Milton sold his copyright of "Paradise Lost" for seventy-five dollars, at three payments, and finished his life in obscurity.

A man who had $65 stolen from him received a note with $25, saying: "I stold your money. Remorse naws at my conshens, and I send some of it back. When remorse naws again I'll send you some more."

God will give the men of the world blessings of his footstool, but his children the blessings of his throne.

A Railway Holiday Scene.

HOW THE PRAYERS OF TWO LITTLE EMIGRANTS WHO HUNG THEIR STOCKINGS ON THE CAR WINDOW WERE ANSWERED.

On Christmas eve, as the night express on the Erie railroad left New York city, there were seated in a car a poor woman and her two little children, aged about 4 and 5 years, going to the far West. A conversation between the mother and children, in which Santa Claus was talked of, was listened to by the passengers. The mother told her little blue eyed girl that as they were in the cars Santa Claus could not give them any presents, because the train was running too fast for him to get on. This statement cast a shade of gloom over the bright-faced children. They sat for some time in meditative silence. It was soon observed that the little travellers were growing sleepy. Tears gathered in many eyes as the little ones kneeled on the car-cushions to lisp their evening prayers. The little girl said, "Please tell good Santa Claus that we are on this train going to see papa, and if he can to put some presents in little Joey's and Maggie's stockings hanging upon the car window. Amen." The children then hung up their tiny stockings by the car window. In a few minutes more they were sound asleep in the arms of their mother. After a pause a gentleman in front of them spoke to the passengers as follows: "You have heard the prayers of these two little children. Now I will give $1.00 toward making them happy when they wake up in the morning." He then passed his hat around the car and collected $5.75. He next bought some candy, oranges and figs and a picture book for each, which, with the two more silver dollars, he placed in the little stockings. When they awakened in the morning and saw their stockings full the little girl exclaimed, "Oh, mamma, see what Santa Claus has found us because we prayed."—*Bradford (Pa.) Era.*

An Eloquent Passage.

The following is from the gifted pen of the late George D. Prentice: "It cannot be that earth is man's only abiding place. It cannot be that our life is a mere bubble cast by eternity to float a moment on its waves and then sink into nothingness. Else why is it that the glorious aspirations which leap like angels from the temple of our hearts, are forever wandering unsatisfied? Why is it that the stars that hold their festival around the midnight throne are set above the grasp of our limited faculties, forever mocking us with their unapproachable glory? And, finally, why is it that bright forms of human beauty presented to our view are taken from us, leaving the thousand streams of our affections to flow back in Alpine torrents upon our hearts? There is a realm where the rainbow never fades; where the stars will be spread out before us like the islands that slumber in the ocean; and where the beautiful beings which pass before us like shadows will stay in our presence forever."

"Have you heard what has happened to that unfortunate Jones?"

"No! what? An accident?"

"Listen! He was out hunting, and in the corner of the forest he happened to meet a charming peasant girl. He sat down beside her, placed his gun againgt the tree near by, and engaged her in cheerful conversation. He had put his arm around her waist and was about to imprint a kiss on her ruby lips, when her father came up. He saw the situation his daughter was in, and then his eye fell upon the gun. He sprang to the tree, seized the weapon and—ran off with it!"

Terrible trinkets have been devised in France. Formed in the shape of a scarf pin, they are connected with a hidden electric battery, so small that it may be carried in the pocket, and by it working in such a fashion as to become truly appalling to the beholder. One a death's head with diamond eyes and an articulated jaw, is said to create peculiar surprise. As the spectator looks on, it rolls its optics and grinds its teeth, while its wearer, apparently unconscious of this extraordinary pin, pursues his ordinary avocations.

A Chicago thief shaved off his moustache after robbing a lady in the street, and by that means made it impossible for her to identify him when he was arrested; but he could not long resist the desire to look his best, and three months later, when the new moustache had grown like the old one, she recognized him in a crowd, and he has been convicted.

There is nothing so charming as the innocence of children. "Mamma," said a five-year old, the other day, "I wish you wouldn't leave me to take care of the baby again. He was so bad I had to eat all the sponge cake and two jars of raspberry jam to amuse him."

When you deprive a boy of the privilege of taking off his coat and vest at one pull, and leaving his boots in the middle of the floor, what do you expect he has to live for?

Miss Drever, a young lady belonging to fashionable society in San Francisco, has shocked her friends by announcing her betrothal to a Chinaman.

It is wonderful how silent a man can be when he knows his cause is just, and how boisterous he becomes when he knows he is in the wrong.

Happiness consists not in possessing much, but in being content with what we possess.

Money.

Money seems to us now so obvious a convenience, and so much a necessity of commerce, that it appears almost inconceivable that a people who created the Sphinx and the Pyramids, the temples of Ipsamboul and Karnac, should have been entirely ignorant of coins.—Yet it appears from the statements of Herodotus, and the evidence of the monuments themselves, that this was really the case. As regards the commercial and banking systems of ancient Egypt, we are almost entirely without information. Their standard of value seems to have been the "outen" or "ten" of copper (94-96 grammes, which calculated like the *æs rude* of the Romans, by weight, and in the form of bricks, being measured by the balance. It was obtained from the mines of Mt. Sinai, which were worked as early as the fourth dynasty. Gold and silver appears to have been also used, tho' less frequently. Like copper they were sometimes in the form of bricks, but generally in rings, resembling the ring money of the ancient Celts, which is said to have been employed in Ireland down to the twelfth century, and still holds it own in the interior of Africa. This approximated very nearly to the possession of money, but wanted what the Roman lawyers called "the law" and "the form." Neither the weight nor the pureness was guaranteed by any public authority. Such a state of things seems to us very inconvenient, but after all is not very different from that which prevails in China even at the present day. The first money struck in Egypt, and that for the use rather of the Greek and Phœnician merchants than of the native, was by the Satrap Aryandes.

As regards the Hebrews, Mr. Poole tells us there is no distinct allusion to coined money in the books of the Old Testament before the return from Babylon. Shekels, of course, are mentioned, but the word like our pound, denotes a weight as well as a coin, and in the older Scriptures it appears to have been used in the former sense.—The earliest mention of coins in the Bible is supposed to refer to Persian money, the "drachm," which appears in our version, being a mistake for "daric." These "darics" have on the obverse the king kneeling, holding a bow and arrow. The reverse shows a rude incuse. They were probably struck in the fifth century B. C. At a much earlier date, indeed, we read that Abimeiech gave Abraham "a thousand pieces of silver," in expiation of his treatment of Sarah; and, again, that Joseph was sold to the Ishmaelites for "twenty pieces of silver." But in both of these cases it will be observed that the word "pieces" is in italics, and there is much doubt about the word; in the Septuagint it is "shekels." One type of the ancient shekels has on the obverse, in Hebrew, "Shekel of Israel, year 4," above a chalice; on the reverse, "Jerusalem the Holy triple city." Some numismatists ascribe these coins to Ezra. The first Jewish coins were apparently struck by Simon the Maccabee, under a grant from Antiochus the Seventh.

The earliest coinage in the Western world is generally ascribed to Pheidon, king of Ægina, who has also the great merit of having introduced the weights and measures. According to Herodotus, however, we owe this invention of money to the Lydians probably in the reign of Gyges, about 700 B. C. The question turns very much on the date of Pheidon in reference to which there is great uncertainty. Some writers have carried him back to 895 B. C, which seems to be certainly untenable, while others have endeavored to bring the date down to 660 B. C. The claims of the Lydians have recently been advocated by some eminent authorities, especially Rawlinson, Barclay, Head and Lenormant. Lord Liverpool also, in deference to the authority of Herodotus, inclined to the same opinion.—In either case the honor rests with the Greek race. The early coins from an interesting transition between the metallic ingots which previously performed the functions of currency and true money. Those of Lydia are not round, but oval, with an official stamp indicating their weight and giving their legal value: the Æginetan silver staters also intimate the elongated form of the earlier period, and are even more irregular than those of Lydia. Still they possess more of the character of a true coinage, having been struck on a block.—*Sir John Lubbock.*

RELIGIOUS FAITH.—"I envy," says Humphrey Davy, "no quality of mind or intellect in others, be it genius, wit or fancy. But if I could be allowed to choose what would be most delightful, and, I believe, most useful to me, I should prefer a firm, religious belief to any other blessing, for it makes a life discipline of goodness, creates new hopes when all earthly ones vanish, and throws over the decay, the destruction of existence here, the most gorgeous of all lights; awakens life even in death, and from decay and destruction calls up beauty and divinity; makes an instrument of torture and shame the ladder of ascent to Paradise; and far above all combinations of earthly hopes, calls up the most delightful visions of palms, amaranths, the gardens of the blest, the security of everlasting joys, where the sensualist and the skeptic view only gloom, decay, annihilation and despair."

If boys' boots were made of cast iron, covered with tar and gravel, and then painted four coats and varnished, mothers would still have cause to wonder how on earth "that boy" got his feet sopping wet.

A man who caught malaria while in prison in a jail at North Adams, Mass., has sued the town for damages.

OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 15, 1880.

It is the duty of every intelligent citizen to keep himself in the line of events through the medium of the press, and it is the duty of every good Democrat to support the newspapers which maintain sound Democratic principles—newspapers which have no uncertain voice, and no lack of earnest, honest purpose.

COL. ROBERT JOHNSTON NOMINATED FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

As will be seen by the following telegram, Col. Robert Johnston has been nominated for Judge of the County Court of this county, and Judge Geo. R. Calvert nominated for re-election as Judge of Shenandoah County Court. These nominations are equivalent to election:

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 14, 1880.

Col. Robert Johnston was nominated in Readjuster caucus last night for Judge of Rockingham County Court, and Judge Calvert, for Shenandoah.

J. E. B.

The question as to whether County Judges, elected or to be elected since January 1st, 1880, can take their places before January 1st, next, is creating considrable discussion throughout the State. This we regard an unnecessary agitation. We can hardly believe that there is a single County Judge in the State who will not readily vacate his seat whenever his successor is presentented for qualification. We hope there may be no hinderances of that kind thrown in the way of the successful party. Let them have full swing, and conduct affairs throughout the State in accordance with their own views of what is right. If it turns out that they can run the State machinery bet-than we can, let us say so. But let us not refuse to give them a fair chance, and if they fail to do right, then hold them responsible for it.

THAT DOORKEEPER.—The colored Doorkeeper of the House of Delegates, G. W. Cooke, who was elected by the Readjusters over the one-legged soldier, A. O. Sullivan, having resigned, the Readjusters, in caucus last Friday night, nominated another colored man, James A. Field, of Hampton, as the man to be elected to that position. He will of course be elected, as the majority, composed of Readjusters and negroes, always vote for the nominee of their caucus, no matter who he is.

Messrs. Cowardin & Ellyson have sold the *Dispatch* to the Dispatch Company, which consists of James A. Cowardin, H K. Ellyson, C. O. Cowardin, H. T. Ellyson, W. F. Drinkard and W. L. Cowardin. The Company has been chertered by the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, and is to publish newspapers and to conduct book and job printing and bindery business.

It would be well for the Southern people to remember, while Grant is "booming" through the South, delivering "taffy" with lavish hand, that he is the individual who filled the State House at Columbia, S. C., with Federal soldiers, and who sustained the U. S. officer who expelled the Louisiana Legislature from the State House at the point of the bayonet.

There are a number of important matters of interest to the public which we should have noticed editorially today, but which we are obliged to defer owing to temporary indisposition. We hope to be physically able to give more attention to our columns by our next issue.

Ex Governor McMullen, of Virginia, is in Washington, attending the Greenback Convention. It is announced that he intends making a greenback crusade through Virginia, and that he will be accompanied by two coadjutors from the East.

A dispatch from Memphis, Tennessee, of the 12th inst., states that Senator Lamar has been stricken with paralysis, and that considerable uneasiness is felt as to his condition. The attending physicians, however, are hopeful.

The "Pie rates of Penn's aunts," is what the *Washington Gazette* gives as the pronunciation of Sullivan and Gilbert's new opera: "The Pirates of Penzance."

Census-Superintendent, F. A. Walker, thinks the census of 1880 will show that this country contains a population of 48,000,000. And we are still growing.

One-half of the Lagislative session has expired.

The Legislature reassembled on Tuesday, the 6th inst., and will proceed on the 9th to execute the joint order made some days ago, to-wit: the election of County Judges for counties not yet provided for. We presume that after the Readjusters have secured all the spoils, and obtained all the offices in the gift of that body—for which it appears the late canvass was made—they will adjourn, as a prominent Readjuster said just before the recess, "d—n the State debt, that's not troubling anybody."—*Clarke Courier.*

The Legislature.

After taking a holiday recess, the General Assembly convened on Tuesday, Jan. 6th.

In the Senate, the bill to incorporate the Staunton and West Augusta Railroad Company was passed by on motion of Mr. Koiner.

Senate bill to incorporate the Virginia and North Carolina Mining and Transportation Company was passed.

Mr. Daniel presented a resolution instructing the Committe on Finance to report a bill repealing the statute known as "the Moffett-punch law," and substituting therefor some other measure for raising revenue from the sale of liquor. Agreed to

In the House, Mr. Frazier of Rockbridge offered the following bills, which were referred: Bill providing that in the county of Rockbridge the annual allowance of the Commonwealth's attorney, County and Circuit clerks, and Sheriff, payable out of the county trasury, shall be $200 each.

By same: Bill limiting the pay of Rockbridge treasurer to $1,500 per annum, and in case his compensation from the State amounts to that sum, then he shall collect county levies for nothing.

Nothing of general interest was done on Wednesday in either house.

In the Senate, on Thursday, Mr. Fulkerson presented a bill imposing a tax on the privilege of selling liquor, &c., which is similar to the law in force before the passage of the Moffett liquor law.

In the House, Mr. Hanger offered the following:

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to arrange the seats of members as they were before the recess, except that one row of the desks shall be placed nearer the railing.

Mr. Ellis offered the following amendment: "And that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to devise some arrangement for the better accommodation of the reporters." Adopted.

The resolution was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Echols it was resolved that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed, if possible, to improve the ventilation of th hall of the House.

House bill allowing the James River and Kanawha Company further use of the convicts now in their possession came up as unfinished business, and, after considerable discussion, was ordered to engrossment by a vote of 72 to 18

On Friday the House passed, by a vote of 65 to 24, the bill to allow the James River and Kanawha company further use of the convict labor now employed on the Buchanan and Clifton Forge Railroad

In the execution of the joint order, the General Assembly elected the following county Judges:

For county of Dinwiddie, R. C. Shell; Bedford, Micajah Davis; Campbell, John R. McDaniel; Elizabeth City and Warwick, W. R. Willis; Essex, H. W. Dangerfield; Fairfax and Alexandria, Judge James Sangster; Floyd, M. C. Dickerson; Frederick, Judge Jos. H. Sherrard, Sen'r; Goochland, Geo. P. Hughes.

January 12, 1880.

SENATE.

The Senate met at 12 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By Mr. Rawles: A resolution inquiring into the expediency of abolishing the offi e of county judge and returning to the old system of magistrates' courts.

By Mr. Henry: A bill regulating the purceases made by the General Agent of the penitentiary

By Mr. Mayo: A bill exempting the counties of Westmoreland and Northumberland from the provisions of the acts of 1874 in relation to fish and game.

By Mr. Leece: An act requiring a plintiff in ejectment to file with his declaration a copy of all his titular papers.

THE JOINT ORDER.

At 12:43 the Senate proceeded to the election of county judges.

Mr. George Cornett was elected judge of Grayson without opposition.

For Sussex and Greenville, R. W. Arnold received 21 votes and W. S. Goodwin 13.

For Hanover county, W. W. Newman received 22 votes and S. C. Redd 12.

Mr. Atkinson, in nominating Judge E. C. Minor for re-election, paid him the highest tribute as a gallant soldier, and upright judge, a good citizen and a faithful friend

Mr. Newman received the highest number of votes.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The house was called to order at 12 o'clock by Speaker Lacy.

PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr Farr: Bill concerning tramps.

By Mr. Downs: Bill to amend and re-enact section 4, chapter 26 of the Criminal Code of 1878

By Mr. Dickensen: A bill to establish the county of Dickenson out of parts of Russell, Wise and Buchanan.

By Mr. Dickenson: Petition of the Mayor, Council and ladies of the town of Lebanon against a repeal of the corporation thereof.

By same: Petition of the citizens of Lebanon to repeal the corporation thereof.

By Mr. Wilkinson: Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to inquire and examine as to the propriety of repealing the law taxing incomes.

A resolution was adopted postponing the election of the county judges for which the caucus has made no nominations until Thursday.

Mr. Cross offered the following joint resolution which was agreed to and communicated to the Senate.

Whereas, in the debate likely soon to arise in reference to the settlement of the public debt, it is necessary that every facility should be afforded each member for a prompt comparison of the various methods which have been offered for that purpose; and whereas such facilities do not now exist; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring) That copies of the Funding bill of 1871, the bill commonly known as the McCulloch bill (approved March 28th, 1879,) and of the Barbour bill, be printed and bound together with broad morginal space and occasional intervening blank leaves, and one laid upon the desk of each member, and that this be done as soon as practicable.

The House then went into the election of county judges. See Senate proceedings.

THE BOSS HOG.—The boss hog, owned by Mr. Charles Welsh of this place, was killed last Friday. He was weighed immediately after he was killed, and his gross weight, exclusive of his blood was found to be 970 pounds. His net weight was 869 pounds. His loss from gross weight, estimating his blood at fifteen pounds, was only 116 pounds, or about 12 pounds to the hundred.—The hog had been weighed about four months before he was killed, and his gross weight, at that time, was 850 pounds. He has since been fed 26 bushels of corn. Many persons basing their estimates upon these facts, put his net weight at from 960 to 1000 pounds. A number of persons had taken chances, putting in tickets at 25 cents each, with the understanding that the person that came nearest to the weight of the hog should have the box. The tickets ran from 750 to 1015 pounds. Many persons combined, taking a number of chances with the understanding that the proceeds were to be divided. Mr. Peter Supinger put in a single ticket at 869 pounds and won the box. A few others were very near it. Mr. James Miley's estimate was 867¾ and Dr. Carter's 870. The hog was three years old and of the Poland China breed.—*Woodstock Herald, January 7.*

The Parnell demonstration in Philadelphia yielded $3,000 for the Irish sufferers.

Horrible Crime.

A gentleman from Glade Spring this morning informs us of a crime committed at that place yesterday evening which is so atrocious that our mind falters, and our pen trembles, as we pen it for publication. The names of the parties were not ascertained, but yesterday evening, about 3 o'clock, a negro brute, weighing 200 pounds or more, visited a house about a half mile from Glade Spring in which was a little colored girl, nine years of age, watching an infant, the older members of the family being absent. Availing himself of his opportunity and brute force, he raped the little girl and then attempted to escape. He was captured on or near the railroad by the Sergeant of Glade Spring and carried back to that point, hands and feet tied. When he reached the place, loud cries of "swing him to a telegraph post" were heard, coming from his own color, but he was protected from violence at the time.

The girl's injuries are very serious and physicians think she may be ruined for life.—*Wytheville Enterprise, January 10.*

At the instance of the owner of the Hawk's Nest mine, in West Virginia, the Charleston City Guards, Major Appleton, proceeded to that point on the 13th to protect the working miners from the strikers.

About one hundred and fifty colored emigrants from Mississippi are stranded in St. Louis without funds or friends

NO MORE HARD TIMES.—If you will stop spending so much on fine clothes, rich food and style, buy good, healthy food, cheaper and better clothing; get more real and substantial things of life every way, and especially stop the foolish habit of employing expensive, quack doctors or using so much of the vile humbug medicine that does you only harm, but put your trust in that simple, pure remedy, Hop Bitters; that cures always at a trifling cost, and you will see good times and have good health. See another column.

BALTIMORE, March 19th, 1878.

W. E. Thornton, Esq:—I can cheerfully and heartily recommend your Laroque's Anti Bilious Bitters, having used them for a long time in my family. E. S. Lindsay, 184 W. Baltimore Street.

Thousands of letters of the same nature as above have been received by Mr. Thornton, and any one troubled with the disease for which these Bitters are recommended, viz: Nervousness, Headache, Dyspepsia, Costiveness, and all diseases of the Liver and Stomach, should give them a trial at once. All druggists sell them at 25c a package, or $1 per bottle.

MARRIED.

Jan. 10th, 1879, by Rev. W. G. Eggleston, Thos J. R. Kerns and Mary J. Atkinson, all of this place.

In the M. E. Church, South, in Charlestown, on Wednesday, December 31, 1879, by Rev. J. A. Rogers, Mr. Thomas T. Cockrill and Miss Mary J. Avis, daughter of Mr. John Avis, of Wm., all of Charlestown, W. Va.

Near Milford, Warren co., Va., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. S. Jones, on the 24th of December, 1879, Captain Thomas D. Royes, of Alexandria, Va., to Miss Lucy C. Overall, daughter of Captain William C. Overall.

On the 24th u t., by Rev. S. K. Wine, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Tazewell Fitzwater, of Highland co., and Miss Delia Simmons, of Pendleton co., W. Va.

On the 1st inst., by the same, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. William F. Thompson and Miss Martha Nelson, both of Pendleton co., W. Va.

OBITUARY.

Another mother in Israel has left us, to enter into the rest prepared for the people of God. Mrs. Phoebe T. Logan departed this life at the residence of her son, Jos. T. Logan, Esq., on this place, on Wednesday evening, January 7th, in the 72d year of her age.

Mrs. Logan was born March 16th, 1808. She was converted when she was seventeen years of age at a camp-meeting held at Taylor's Springs, in this county about the year 1824 or 1825, and soon thereafter united with the Methodist Church, under the ministry of Rev. Thos. Sewell, of sainted memory, so that she had been a member of the church about fifty six years.

Her piety was of a modest, unobtrusive kind, but even, consistent and constant. She enjoyed the services of the sanctuary, and was always in her place in the house of God, when it was possible for her to be present. She was kind and gentle in her disposition, and thus secured the love of all with whom she was brought in contact. Her numerous acquaintances flocked around her bed during her illness, and thus evinced their affection for her. Their kind attentions were highly appreciated, and she often spoke of them with much feeling.

Mrs. Logan had been in declining health for some time, but was only confined to her home a little upwards of two months, and for the last three weeks of that time to her bed. She suffered much, but not one word of complaint escaped her lips, feeling, as she said, that all was intended for her good, and that her heavenly Father graciously sustained her under them all.

Often, as her friends would be singing and praying in her room, she would raise her hands in praise to God. She longed to "depart and be with Christ," but expressed the wish that God would grant her an easy death. That wish was gratified. In the evening, about five o'clock, while her friends were singing one of her favorite hymns, she closed her eyes and passed away so gently that it was some time before they could realize that she was gone.

The Church has sustained a loss in the death of this Christian woman; but while they will miss her genial face and the bright example of her devoted life, they have in her death a cheering illustration of the sustaining power of Divine Grace, enabling the child of God to triumph even over the last enemy.

Her remains were carried to the church, where, in the presence of a large congregation, the occasion was improved by her pastor in an address from Phil. 1, 21. She now sleeps in Woodbine Cemetery, where she awaits the resurrection of the just. E.

New Advertisements.

TO PRINTERS.

WANTED!—A situation as Foreman in a well-conducted Country Printing Office, or as Compositor in a Job Office. Understand Press work, and can come well recommended. Address:
P. E. WITTS, Harrisonburg, Va.

DIVIDEND.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
HARRISONBURG, VA., January 13, 1880.
The Board of Directors of this Bank have this day declared a Dividend of

Three Per Cent.

upon the Capital, payable to the Stockholders on the 15th inst.
C. C. STRAYER, Cashier.
jan15-1t

WANTED.

Forty Cart Horses,

From 6 to 9 years old, which will weigh from 1 100 to 1,300 pounds each, for which liberal prices will be paid.
☞ Bring them in on MONDAY NEXT (Court day.) We will be at J. C. Staples' Livery Stable, Harrisonburg.
MILLS & ROWLAND,
jan15-1t Contractors on Page Valley R. R.

Commissioner's Notice

WILLIAM H. LEE,
VS.
SAMUEL BARLEY.
In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Co.

And this cause is referred to one of the Commissioners of this Court, with instructions to examine, state and settle the following accounts:

1. To take an account of the liens resting on the real estate of the defendant, Barley, discussed in complainant's bill of complaint, with their priorities.
2. And any other matter deemed pertinent by the Commissioner, or that may be required to be so stated by any party interested.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.
HARRISONBURG, VA., January 13, 1880.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the parties to the above entitled cause, and all others interested, that I have fixed on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 1880, at my office, in Harrisonburg, Va., as the time and place of taking said accounts required by the above decree, at which time and place you will attend, and do what is necessary to protect your respective interests in the premises.
Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery this 14th day of January, 1880.
R. B. RAGAN, Com. Chancery.
HAAS, p. q. jan15-4t

New Advertisements.

WANTED.

3,000 TONS
OF GOOD
CHESTNUT OAK BARK,
—AT THE—
Harrisonburg Tannery,
FOR WHICH THE CASH WILL BE PAID.
$5.50 PER TON.
ja15-may1 HOUCK & WALLIS

Commissioner's Sale.

PURSUANT TO A DECREE RENDERED IN THE Chancery cause of Joseph S. Shrockhiss vs. Samuel H. Bowman, &c., at the October Term, 1879, of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, I will, as Commissioner, sell at the front door of the Court-house, in Harrisonburg,
ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1880,
A House and Lot in the town of Broadway, known as the Cubbage Lot, situated between the Railroad and County Road, adjoining the property of William Minnick and others, or so much of the same as may be necessary to satisfy said decree.
TERMS.—Cash, upon the confirmation of sale.
O. B. ROLLER,
de18-4t Special Commissioner.

THE ABOVE SALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1880.
O. B. ROLLER,
jan15-1t Special Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

PURSUANT TO A DECREE OF THE CIRCUIT Court of Rockingham county, rendered at the October Term, 1879, in the Chancery cause of Ambrose Dallard, &c., against John H. Bell, I shall
ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1880,
Proceed to sell, at the front door of the Court-house, in Harrisonburg, the following Lot of Ground in Harrisonburg:
The Lot situated on Main street, in the north part of Harrisonburg, formerly used and occupied by John H. Bell as a Flower Garden, containing an area of twenty feet by one hundred.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half cash, and the residue in twelve months, the purchaser giving bonds, bearing interest from the day of sale, with approved security.
CHARLES E. HAAS,
de18 Special Commissioner.

THE ABOVE SALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1880.
CHARLES E. HAAS,
jan15-1t Special Commissioner.
[NOAH LANDIS, Auctioneer.]

Commissioner's Sale

PURSUANT TO A DECREE RENDERED IN THE Chancery suit of B. G. Patterson, Commissioner, &c., vs. W. C. Coffman, &c., at the October Term, 1879, of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, I will, as Commissioner, sell at the front door of the Court-house, in Harrisonburg,
ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1880,
A certain Tract of 12½ Acres of Land, lying in East Rockingham, adjoining the lands of John H. Draper and others, being the same Tract of Land recently sold by B. G. Patterson, Commissioner, in the late chancery cause of St. C. Kirtley, &c., vs. St. C. D. Kirtley, adm'r, &c., to W. C. Coffman and R H. Smith
TERMS.—Costs of suit and sale in hand, and the balance in three equal payments at six, twelve and eighteen months from day of sale, with interest from said day; the purchaser to give bonds therefor, with approved security, and the title to be retained as ultimate security.
O. B. ROLLER,
de18-4t Commissioner.

THE ABOVE SALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED YILL SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1880.
O. B. ROLLER,
jan15-1t Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

PURSUANT TO A DECREE OF THE CIRCUIT Court of Rockingham county, rendered at the October Term, 1879, in the Chancery cause of Samuel Burraker and wife against Jonas Reed's adm'r, with the will annexed, and others, I shall proceed to sell, at the front door of the Court-house in Harrisonburg,
ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1880,
All the Real Estate of which Jonas Reed died seized and possessed, as follows:
A lot of Valuable Woodland lying near his Farm, containing about Twenty Acres.
Also, the Home Farm, containing 83 Acres, more or less. This land, lying west of Lacy Spring, ranks with any in its neighborhood for its fertility, and has the usual improvements on it.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash for the costs of suit and expenses of sale, the residue in three equal annual payments, the purchaser giving bonds, bearing interest from the day of sale, for the deferred payments, with good personal security. Title retained as ultimate security.
CHARLES E. HAAS,
de18 4t Special Commissioner.

THE ABOVE SALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 1880.
CHARLES E. HAAS,
jan15-3t Special Commissioner.
[NOAH LANDIS, Auctioneer.]

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, rendered at the May Term, 1879, in the Chancery cause therein pending, of Barore vs Shearer vs John P. Pence, I shall proceed to sell in front of the Court House of said county, on
SATURDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1880,
the real estate of which the said defendant is possessed, as shown by the Master Commissioner, Jone's report, as follows;
1st, A tract known as the Saw Mill and Tan Yard property, containing 3¾ acres, lying near Cootes' Store, in said county. This is valuable property.
2nd A house and Lot of 2¼ acres adjoining the Tan Yard property.
3rd. A tract of Mountain land, containing 100 acres, lying in Brock's Gap, in said county.
4th. Another tract of 84 acres, also lying in Brock's Gap.
TERMS:—One-fourth of the purchase money in hand on the day of sale, the balance in three equal annual payments, with interest from day of sale, the purchaser to execute bonds with approved personal security, and a lien to be retained in the deed as ultimate security.
CHAS. T. O'FERRALL,
Dec. 11—4th Commissioner.
O'Ferrall & Patterson, Att'ys.

THE ABOVE SALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 1880.
CHAS. T. O'FERRALL,
jan15-1t Commissioner.

Commissioners' Sale
—OF—
HOUSES, LOTS AND LANDS

IN pursuance of a decree rendered by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, Va., on the 24th day of November, 1879, in the cases of Catharine Sullivan vs. Patrick Sullivan, and James Sullivan, &c., vs. Maggie Sullivan, &c., we will proceed
ON THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1880,
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J. S. HARNSBERGER,
dec11-4t Commissioners.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States, for the Western District of Virginia.
In the matter of Virginia A. Shumate, wife of Wm. J. Shumate, Bankrupt,
vs.
The creditors of said Bankrupt,
In Bankruptcy. On petition for the commutation of her right of dower in the $2,000 for which said Bankrupt's "Richland" farm was sold.
The petition of Virginia A. Shumate, in the cause filed, having been read and considered:
IT IS ORDERED, That R. J. Rankin; N. K. Trout, for Geo. Baylor; A. A. Crawford, J. Harnsberger's Ex'ors, per N. K. Trout; Daniel S. Treary; B. Mogue, per J. M. Sellers; J. A. Waddell, McClure & Bumgardner, C. H. McCormick & Bro.; Samuel Clarke's adm'r, per R. H. Phillips; Thornton Berry, L. F. Fishburne, H. F. Denton, L. F. Fishburne, Hugh L. Gallaher, J. W. Cline A. A. Crawford, W. D. Eug. Cuwe, W. B. Shumate, Mary P. Wood, Elijah Carson's Ex'ors, David Butcher, C. L. McCoy, E. L. & H. B. Beale, A. A. Crawford, Same, P. H. Trout; B. F. Renick, per John Christian; Geo. Shuey, D. F. Snell, John Thompson, M. Haney, P. H. Trout, Same, Same, R. M. Kelley; James A. Piper, per J. H. Gentry; G. E. Price, Jacob Billings' adm'r, Virginia Insurance Company, C. E. Young, P. H. Trout, John K. Keiser; J. C. Dix, per D. T. Elliott & Bro., Nancy B. Gardner, Michie & Skinner, A. G. Van Fossen, John Shutterle, Powell Harrison, John H. Campbell's Ex'ors; Virginia Insurance Company, as General Receiver for the Circuit Court of Augusta county, James Fagan, Henry B. Jones R. J. Irving, John F. Antrim, W. M. Bush, James H. Waters, A. S. Lara, and Geo. T. Antrim's Ex'ors, creditors of said Wm. J. Shumate, bankrupt, and the parties named, as respondents therein, do appear on the first day of the next term of said Court, at Harrisonburg, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted, provided a copy of this order be served on each of said respondents ten days before said day of appearance.
Witness, the Hon. Alex. Rives, Judge of said Court, at Harrisonburg, and the seal thereof, on the 4th day of November, 1879.
W. B. LURTY,
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BERLIN, p. q. jan15-4t

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BY VIRTUE of a decree in the Chancery cause of Harvey Bontz's adm'r, &c., vs. Elizabeth Bontz, &c., rendered by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, Virginia, at the October Term, 1879, I shall proceed to sell to the highest bidder in front of the Court House of said county.
ON FRIDAY, THE 23D DAY OF JANUARY, 1880,
the land of which Harvey Bontz died seized (subject to the widow's dower laid off therein), or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the debts against the estate of said decedent with the costs of said suit and sale. This land lies on or near Cub Run in said county, and consists of 56½ acres more or less.
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We will furnish the "Fruit Recorder," in connection with this paper, together with any of the premiums mentioned in the above notice, for $2.60.

HANDSOME MEMORIAL.—Some weeks ago Capt. Geo. D. Turner, of the C. & O. road, a most estimable young man, was thrown from his train and so injured that he died in a few days. He was brought to his boarding house in Staunton and there during the few remaining hours of his life Miss Ella McCarthy, the daughter of the hostess, showed him the tenderest and unremitting attention. It could not be known to the sufferer, who was unconscious, but his friends were much touched by it, and directly after the funeral the pall bearers and one or two others met and determined to present the young lady with a token of their appreciation of it. It was ordered from New York through Mr. Chas. Burschell, and has been presented to the lady. It is a gold bar from which depends a maltese cross nearly two inches wide, of sixteen carat gold. On one side is the inscription, "Presented to Miss Ella McCarthy for kindness to Geo D. Turner during his affliction, Nov. 15, 1879," and on the reverse are the names of the donors—C. D. Porter, J. W. Brandeburg, Geo. Wright, C. C. Leatch, R. F. Wall, C. L. Robinson and J. P. Devine.—Staunton Vindicator.

The largest advance in the price of printing paper and paper stock of all kinds ever known to us has taken place in the last few weeks. The paper upon which the COMMONWEALTH is printed, as well as all kinds of paper and card stock, have greatly advanced, and the prices still go up. Many papers in consequence of the rise have increased both price of advertisements and subscriptions. While our price will remain the same as heretofore, it will require a closer collection of that due in the future than it has in the past, which we shall endeavor to do, and ask the attention of our friends to the above statement of facts. We cannot grant long indulgences, and to save ourselves we must insist upon prompt payment of all bills sent and received by our patrons. On Monday next we want all the money we can get, and trust that our friends will not neglect us.

In the Midwinter Scribner will appear an article on Bicycling, brilliantly illustrated with more than thirty unique sketches by Redwood, Hopkins, Lathrop, Taber and Church. In September last, a jolly party of forty bicyclers, representing a number of Eastern clubs, made a two days' run of 100 miles, full of incident, from Boston, through Dedham, Braintree, Cohasset, and other towns, visiting the old Curtis homestead, Brook Farm—the scene of socialistic experiments—and many other interesting localities. Chas. E. Pratt was captain of the run, and by him the exploits of the party and the scenes through which they rode will be described. Scribner has already identified itself with the general introduction of archery into this country, and it is thought that this article will be found to awaken new interest in this growing sport, as well as to reflect its spirits.

SNOW.—On Monday night last the first snow of the season fell here to the depth of about two inches. The sun came out on Tuesday morning and a very large part of it melted away.

Tuesday next, January 20th, is the day fixed for the meeting of the stockholders of the Washington, Cin. & St. Louis Narrow Gauge R. R.

BREVITIES.

Every one longs for clear weather, if even biting cold.

One or two backbiting women can keep a whole street uncomfortable.

If all other crops fail, the crop of patent medicine almanacs never do.

Slander, by inuendo, of the virtuous and good, is contemptible and low.

The Christmas presents to the little ones of sleds turn out to be a sickening imposition upon the juveniles.

A good deal of pneumonia has prevailed, in a mild form generally, among the people, during this warm wet winter.

Dr. Koiner, of Spring Creek, attended Capt. Cushen's little son's injuries, at Ottobine, instead of Dr. Minor, as we stated last week. The little boy is recovering, all the same.

"The foolish virgin on the train sitteth and looketh out of the window. But the wise one flirteth with the conductor, and he chalketh her hat," is the way an old traveler puts it down.

He invested all his cash in a heavy ulster at the beginning of the season, and now begins to doubt as to whether human wisdom or "old probs" know anything about the weather in this world.

FOUND DEAD—SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. Jno. Reed, who, we are informed, lived at Craigsville, in this county, was found dead in the woods near Fort Defiance depot on the Valley Railroad in this county on last Friday by Mr. Crawford Miller, the owner of the land on which he was found. Mr. Reed left the house of Mr. Wm. Link, in that neighborhood, for Fort Defiance depot on the morning of that day, and it is supposed that his death was caused by heart disease, the immediate cause being over-exertion in walking up a very steep hill, upon the summit of which his body was found lying at the foot of a large tree where he had been sitting as evidenced by the posture of the body—his arms being clasped about his knees. Upon his person were found a small sum of money and bonds amounting to about $1,900. As his death was evidently a natural one, no inquest was held, and his body was buried at the Augusta Church on Saturday afternoon.—Spectator.

The author of "That Lass o' Lowrie's" will contribute to the February St. Nicholas a story, called "Editha's Burglar," which is announced as one of the very best short stories ever written by Mrs. Burnett. Though written especially for children, it will, the editors say, interest old and young alike, by its plot, descriptions, and dialogue. A little girl's interview with a burglar is made the chief theme, and some idea of the interest of the conversation may be gleaned from the fact that among the favors which she asked, are these: "If you 're going to burgle, won't you burgle quietly?" and "If you 'd let me know your name and address, I'm sure your papa would aid you to some other profession." The burglar happens to be a good-natured fellow, and only gives to the latter proposition the disappointing answer: "To think o' me a forgettin' my card case, an' a leavin' it on the planner when I come out! I might hev knowed I'd a wanted it!"

LITTLE FOLKS' READER, is the name of a new monthly issued from the publishing house of D. Lothrop & Co., 32 Franklin St., Boston. It is a new venture comparatively but a good one, for it is being adopted for use in the public schools of the New England States. Fresh reading, issued every month, is more attractive to children and larger scholars too, than dull, prosy books, which they have gone through a half dozen times. Every school superintendent, primary teachers or school trustee should send for a copy to examine. One hundred copies for one year $3.50. Per single dozen 50 cents.

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SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—On Monday last, W. R. Bowman, auctioneer, sold for E. S. Conrad, Commissioner, a house and lot on corner of German and Gay streets, to Henry V. Strayer, for $1,110; a house and lot near the depot, to Geo. A. Myers, for $200; and a piece of woodland in the Ridge, containing 38 acres to S. R. Sterling, for $1.20 per acre.

The same auctioneer sold at the same time, for E. S. Conrad and Geo. G. Grattan, Commissioners, the Huffman farm, lying near Mt. Crawford, containing 105 acres, for $45.05 per acre. L. W. Click, purchaser.

We call attention to advertisement elsewhere for old iron. There is money in this movement for all parties. There is plenty of old iron lying around the premises of almost every family, which will pay you now to pick up and sell. Carry it to John Grattan, who advertises that he will take all he can get.

The two child songs, by Alfred Tennyson, written specially for St. Nicholas, are to appear in the February issue. Both songs have been set to music under Mr. Tennyson's supervision, and one of the musical accompaniments forwarded by him will also be given in the same number.

A special term of the Circuit Court for this county, began on yesterday, January 14th. The regular term begins on Tuesday next, January 20th. The juries will be summoned for Monday, January 26th.

A Russian story, "Saved from Siberia," by A. A. Hayes, Jr., is announced for the February St. Nicholas.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

From Furnace No. 2.

JANUARY 13th, 1880.

The principal items of news to date are the following:

Last Wednesday the Naked Creek Debating Society reorganized. No doubt decisions will be given during the coming session that will rival those of Sancho Panza. Your correspondent will endeavor to secure occasional reports.

Fifty gentlemen "of credit and renown," put in twenty-five cents apiece, and gave their judgment as to the weight of John Eppart's largest hog. W. L. Baker and Will Rothgeb divided the spoils, being the nearest approximations. The hog weighed 434 net. John was able to make 1,127 lbs. clean meat off three hogs, which was not so bad.

Our "deestrick" largely attended the Oysters and Fireworks at the Forge on New Year's day. Both were good.

I have before me a spicy little paper, published at the Forge, by a boy of some twelve or fourteen years. If he means to stay in the business, he had better get his mother to put him in pickle for a week or two to get his skin into a pachydermatous (which means thick-hided) condition. The paper is of 8 mo. size, and contains 8 columns. It is published by R. T. C. Boude.

I saw an old gentleman of Teutonic descent, the other day, and I got into conversation:

"How's bolitics?" he queried.

"Nothing new," I replied.

"Vat you dink of Shon Baul, eh?" and he glared at me ferociously with his mild blue eyes.

"John Paul," said I. "Oh, he's a clever feltow."

"Clever Vellow, eh?" "He's as artful as der tuyvil. He gome mine house, he shlap mine back, und he say: 'I'se every dings mit der poor man,' and now he's introduce der pill to give avay seventy-five dousand thalers!"

"Oh!" I replied. "That is only for effect. The Governor will veto a bill that gives away money due for other purposes, and then John will be able to fall back on that bill to offset his action in discharging the Confederate soldiers. Then he will be able to stand up and call himself the 'Friend of the Confederate.'"

"Donnervetter!" interlocuted my acquaintance. "Vat! he go back on der boys? Vas he trunk?"

I here explained to him that for the sake of a few offices it became necessary to ally with negros, and eat much cold crow.

"Gold grow!" he broke in.

"Shon Baul eat grow! Got for tam!"—after a pause—"Vell I haben nodins more to do mit Shon Baul. A man dot would eat grow! Shaw! I dell him next dime he gomes to mine house, dot we don't keep grow dere—ain't it?" and the excited feelings broke forth in his native tongue.

I fear the next lot of political taffy John makes won't go down with him.

W. M. B.

VISITORS.

The past fall and winter so far have been noted for the number of former citizens of Rockingham, living in the West, who have been here on a visit to their old homes. Some who have been away for thirty years or more (almost a lifetime,) are now in this county. When they left here, some of them were young men and women; others had just married and sought the "great West" to begin life and make a fortune, and have, since they left us, raised large families and are now grand-parents. What a kaleidscope is life! All of them have passed through many changing scenes, and yet when the gray hairs begin to tell them that time is growing short here below with them, there blazes up afresh the love of the old home, carried somewhere in their hearts all these years, and gathering together the necessary means they come back to gaze again upon the old homesteads, where young life's happy dreams first began—that spot that has a hallowed memory niche in every heart. But how changed are all they see? Those from whom they have been absent now have whitened hair and wrinkled brow, bent form and limping gait, who were erect and fine specimens of physical development thirty years ago. Many of the sacred spots have also been obliterated in all these years, and even as they themselves have changed so they see change, change everywhere and in almost everything. This may cause a heartache now and then, here and there, but it is in turn obliterated by the warm grasp of the hands given to these long absent children, who now are strangers though "to the manner born."

The rapid means of transit at this day renders a trip from or to the West a matter of a day, whilst it required a week or more when they first set out to find homes toward the setting sun. Of course these interchanges of greeting will become more frequent as the years go on, and those who go now or come now, from here West or from the West here, can do so so speedily as to make it only a matter of a few days' visit. Hence the number of those who come and go is constantly increasing. We are always glad to meet these returning friends of our early days, for we feel younger again as we together recount the scenes and pastimes of the years when we first began to "toddle" along the path of life. Come and see us. Yes, all of you come to see us when you visit your old homes.

The success of recent numbers of "Scribner" has been so marked, that the edition of the February number has been placed at 125,000. This number will contain the first part of Eugene Schuyler's illustrated life of Peter the Great, which is said to be graphic and interesting to an unusual degree; also Mrs. Burnett's new story, "Louisiana," which will present some strong contrasts of character; a rollicking paper on Bicycling, entitled, "A Wheel Around the Hub," and other features.

FARM SOLD.—On Wednesday, the 7th inst., Messrs. Staples, Grattan & Co., real estate agents of this place, sold the farm of Isaac Bowers, Esq., located near Greenmount, about four miles northwest of this town, and containing 77 1 2 acres of good land, to Mr. Walmer, of Pennsylvania, for $4,200.

Charles, a colored man, formerly owned by John and Price Sites, near Spring Creek, in this county, died on Saturday last. He was probably the oldest person in the county—being 104 years of age—Register.

HIGHLAND ITEMS.

From the *Recorder* of January 10.

Jasper Dever, of Mill Gap, in this county, slaughtered a hog this fall that weighed 500 pounds net.

We understand our neighbor above town, Mr. Hevener, has opened his sugar trees.

We have had some delightful showers lately, and the weather being so warm, grass is actually growing.

We are sorry to learn that we are to lose our townsmen, Mr. Geo. W. Fraley, who having sold his property here to Mr. Levi S. Jack, expects in the Spring to move to the Valley of Virginia. We would rather see families moving into our town than to see them moving out.

For the past week the weather here has been more like May than December or January, the thermometer ranging from 64 to 70 degrees, whereas at the same time last year all things were locked in an icy embrace, with the mercury at and below zero—the weather being as cold as rarely ever known in this latitude.

Mr. George Vance, on Bullpasture, below McDowell, weighed two cattle, October 29th, last, that averaged 1390 pounds, and on the 2nd day of January they weighed 1470, showing a gain of 80 pounds in about 64 days. He weighed at the same time two others that averaged 1212 pounds, that on January 2nd weighed 1312—a gain of 100 pounds to each steer in 64 days. They were corn fed cattle—he doesn't tell us as to how much corn they had eaten in that time, which is an important item.

JURORS

FOR JANUARY TERM OF COUNTY AND CIRCUIT COURTS OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Names of jurors furnished for trial of Henry Jones, charged with felony, 2d day of January Term, 1880, and Geo. W. Davis, charged with felony, 4th day of January Term, 1880:

R. L. Gowl, Wm. H. Grove, Peter C. Tutwiler, John P. Pence, W. W. Hedrick, Benj F. Cromer, W. K. V. Enos, Geo. Chrisman, A. L. Maupin, Geo. L. Crousehorn, A. M. Effinger, Ephraim Ruebush, David B. Kline, Geo. Weast, Wm. Beard, Jackson Horn.

Names of jurors furnished for trial of Peter Sites, charged with felony, 3rd day of January Term, 1880, (21st.)

J. F. Voorhees, F. D. Kildow, G. M. Miller, Jeremiah Armentrout, Isaac Wenger, H. H. Beall, Jacob Geil, J. H. Rolston, P. W. Pugh, Jos. A. Mitchell, Michael Ward, Jos. Bauserman, Albert P. Eller, Jas. A. Maupin, Wm. P. Sites, John S. Effinger.

Jury summoned for the Circuit Court of this county for January Term, 1880, beginning January 20th. The jury is summoned for January 21st:

John W. Gaither, Emanuel Wilkens, Geo. W. Skelton, Geo. W. McFarland, John F. Cootes, Geo. W. Adams, David H. Moore, Silas Miller, Jos. Argabright, Jas. R. Price, John W. Jacobs, John P. Garrison, John M. Saufley, S. A. Moffett, A. L. Lindsay, Lewis Driver, Geo. W. Reherd, Wm. L. Bateman, C. G. Selden, Wm. F. Bowers, D. F. Linaweaver, John W. Harrison, Chas. T. White, S. H. Patterson.

The Week of Prayer.

Under the recommendation of the Evangelical Alliance, the Protestant denominations of this place, united every night last week in prayer, in the Methodist Church South, on West Market street. These meetings from the commencement to their conclusion, were remarkably well attended by members of the various congregations; the large auditorium of the church being well filled every evening. The services were very impressive and interesting, and developed a cordial, christian feeling among the various denominations, which was truly encouraging and impressive and religious friendships sprung up which will be long remembered and cherished. The religious services were conducted alternately by Rev. Dr. J. R. Bowman, of the Presbyterian; Rev. J. F. Kemper, of the Baptist; Rev. Mr. Moser, of the Lutheran, and Rev. Wm. G. Eggleston, of the Methodist Church, South, and delivering short discourses suitable to the subject of the evening.

Rev. Mr. Eggleston, of the Methodist church, is continuing these meetings in the large Lecture Room of his church this week, which are well attended.

Moving into New Quarters!

The hardware stock of Mr. J. Wilton, is now being removed to his new building, next door to this office, southside of the Court-House yard. Mr. Wilton's stock, with large additions just to hand, will all be in place in his new storeroom this week, and he respectfully invites all his old friends and customers, and many new ones, too, to call upon him at his new store on Monday next, and whenever in town hereafter. His new store is by long odds the handsomest in this town, and his stock of goods in his line the largest. He will sell goods cheap, and with his enlarged space for showing and storing goods, expects to do better in the future than he has been able to do in the past for his customers. Don't fail to give him a call when in town whether you want to buy or not, as it will pay you to take the time to look through his elegant establishment. Everything in the hardware line can be found there from the smallest tack to a cook-stove, also, mechanic's tools, table and pocket cutlery, farm bells, etc. Don't forget his removal. Call at his new building, Southside of the Court-House.

"The Southern Planter and Farmer" for January is received. It contains excellent articles from prominent farmers on nearly every subject connected with a farmer's work; besides, there is an interesting article by ex-Governor Smith, on Banks and the Currency. It should be read by every farmer in the State. Published at Richmond, Va., at $2.00 a year.

POLICE ITEMS.—Tuesday was a lively day in the Mayor's Court. Martin Love was up for being drunk and disorderly. Fined $1 and costs. John Steel for committing nuisance by throwing waste material on the streets. Fined $1.00 and cost. Price Pence and Wm. Brown were up for fighting. Fined $2.50 each and costs.

HOW TO GET WELL. Broken-down, Debilitated Constitutions. Both male and female and all difficult cases, for which help can be obtained nowhere else—found to be so by undeniable facts. A True Theory No Deception. The practical results of forty years' experience will be shown to invalids in Pamphlet and Circulars by addressing the eminently successful Dr. Geo. W. Forbes 174 W. Fourth St. Cincinnati Ohio.

FOR SALE OR FOR RENT.—The following properties will be found advertised in this paper:

Jan. 17.—Harrisonburg property by Chas. E. Haas, Commissioner.

Jan. 17.—Tract of 12¼ acres of land in East Rockingham; O. B. Roller, Com'r.

Jan. 17.—House and lot in the town of Broadway; O. B. Roller, Commissioner.

Jan. 19.—Various pieces of real estate in vicinity of Cootes' Store; Chas. T. O'Ferrall, Commissioner.

Jan. 23.—Sale of 56¼ acres of Cub Run Land; Chas. T. O'Ferrall, Commissioner.

Jan. 23.—Sale of houses, lots and lands in and around Harrisonburg; G. W. Berlin, J. S. Harnsberger, Commissioners.

Jan. 24.—Trustee's sale of real estate by Warren S. Lurty, Trustee.

Jan. 24.—Renting or sale of a lot in Rushville; C. T. O'Ferrall, Commissioner.

Jan. 24.—Sale of house and lot in Harrisonburg; C T. O'Ferrall, Commissioner.

Jan. 24.—Twelve acres of land and good dwelling house, five miles south of Harrisonburg; W. B. Lurty, Special Commissioner.

Jan. 31.—Farm, woodland, &c., lying near Lacy Spring; Chas. E. Haas, Commissioner.

Feb. 5.—Sale of Peter Shaver mill property; J. S. Harnsberger, Commissioner.

Feb. 5.—Sale of Christian Kyger farm; Chas. A. Yancey, J. S. Harnsberger, Com'rs.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Berryville has street lamps.

May money be plenty and business be weighty throughout the whole cycle of 1880.

Mr. Fowler of the Bristol *News*, proposed to start a daily newspaper in Bristol.

The editor of the *Clarke Courier* has been ill. We hope he is better. More than can be said of most journals, the *Courier* has a Crown laid up.

The name of Mr. Wm. H. Peyton, of Staunton, is being urged by his friends at Washington for the position of Supervisor of the census of this district.

We are informed that on Saturday last there were shipped from Summit Point about $11,000 worth of cattle, the majority of which were shipped by farmers living in this county.—*Clarke Courier.*

Maj. Wm. Wirt Harrison, ex-Sergeant-at-Arms of the Virginia Senate, after a protracted illness, died in Richmond, on Friday morning last, Jan. 9th, aged 42 years.

A lady of Manchester, Chesterfield county, Va., had a pet cat which she gave away about three years ago to a person who carried it to Georgia. Last week the cat returned. How it succeeded in getting back, especially after so long an absence is a mystery.

The recent holidays were happily improved by our estimable young friends' Messrs. J. Ambrose and R. Sam Beach, of this county, both of whom were married, the former to Miss Maggie and the latter to Miss Katie Hockman, daughters of Jacob Hockman, Esq.—all of this county. We congratulate the young couples, and wish them a happy voyage through life.—*Page Courier.*

Miss Cora Turner at the request of the First Presbyterian choir kindly took the place of leading soprano, during the absence of Miss Ollie Hotchkiss, who is spending the winter in Richmond. On behalf of the choir, Mr. John W. Alby, the director, presented Miss Turner with a handsome volume as a New Year's gift in token of their appreciation of her assistance.—*Staunton Vindicator.*

The well-known old hotel at Greenville has been sold to Messrs. Jno. J. Larew and Isaac Newton, by Mr. Reuben Lambert, for $1,600. The new owners have rented it to Messrs Wise & Tibbet, and intend putting it in repair and making it an ornament to the village. It was built many years ago by the late Jno. B. Christian, and was a hostelry of note in the old stage coach times.—*Staunton Vindicator.*

At the fair of St. Francis church the gold headed cane was voted to Col. Thos. A Gordon over James T. Byers; the gold watch to "Tom Burke of ours" over Samuel A. Hoshour and the silver lantern to conductor W. W. Anderson of the C. & O. road over conductor Newport of the B. & O. road. Some $700 in all was realized by the fair. The cane realized $130, and the watch $212.—*Staunton Vindicator.*

Not since January, 1862, have we had such weather as we are having now; then it only lasted several days. The thermometer has not been below 46 for nearly two weeks, and has ranged as high as 74 within the past few days. The fields and meadows in some places look as green and beautiful as in early spring, and whilst we have yet the winter months before us, the chance and appearances of the abundant ice harvest predicted are in the minds of ice consumers, begining to thaw.—*Clarke Courier, Jan. 8th.*

THE VIRGINIAS.—Maj. Hotchkiss' new monthly, the "Virginias" is now ready for distribution and will be placed on sale to-day or to-morrow. It is a large sixteen page journal, neatly printed and illustrated with cuts and colored maps. The first number is devoted mainly to the James River region, but many other articles on kindred subjects appear. If the initial number is a fair sample of its successors, the publication is destined to be of vast benefit to the States of Virginia and W. Virginia, for their wonderful mineral resources are graphically set forth by the pen of one who knows of what he writes. The journal evidences ability of a high order, and an amount of information with respect to the two States which can nowhere else be obtained. Those who feel interested in the material welfare and development of this region, should not fail to secure the "Virginias."—*Val. Virginian.*

GUILTY OF WRONG.—Some people have a fashion of confusing excellent remedies with the large mass of "patent medicines," and in this they are guilty of a wrong. There are some advertised remedies fully worth all that is asked for them, and one at least we know of—Hop Bitters. The writer has had occasion to use the Bitters in just such a climate as we have most of the year in Bay City, and has always found them to be first-class and reliable, doing all that is claimed for them.—*Tribune.*

RAILROAD ITEMS.

The Richmond and Alleghany Railroad has perfected its organization by electing Ex-Treasurer John C. New, President, and H. C. Parsons, Vice President.

Mr. Mills, of Philadelphia, has contracted to do 20 miles of grading on the S. V. R.R., from Luray to President Milnes' Iron Works, in Page county, and is about to commence the work. He wants a number of hands.

It is a fixed fact that the S. V. R. R. is to cross at Shepherdstown. We are informed the Bridge has been "let," and work will be begun in a very short time—within a month. Engineer Fairfax, who is now here, will have charge of the work on the part of the constructing party.

CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY along the line of the railroad between this point and the Shenandoah Iron Works. The success of this enterprise seems now well assured, and we may soon look for the "tug of war" between the Company and Page county in regard to the bonanza of the county subscription. Of one thing we may feel assured and that is, that the prosperity of the county for more than one generation depends upon the issue.—*Page Courier.*

The extension of the Virginia Midland railroad from Orange Court House to Charlottesville is progressing favorably. The land damages on the route, as far as Montepelier, have been satisfactorily adjusted, and the road, which is to be thirty-one miles in length, will, it is understood, be completed by the first of July, at which time the contract of the Virginia Midland with the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad expires. The reported strike on the road will not interfere with its completion, as laborers are flocking in from all quarters to take the places of the strikers.

We understand that land damage are being assessed along the South River line of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, in Augusta county, and are pleased to state that the citizens through whose property the survey has been made are showing a very liberal spirit. A similar test will be made along the Fisherville route in a very short time.

It is not known which survey will be adopted. The extraordinary development of specular ore at the Davidia Mines, at the Western base of the Blue Ridge, near the western mouth of the tunnel on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and the rich ore deposits all along the line, will necessarily be taken into consideration in the final location.

These remarkable ore formations—specular, red and brown hematites being found in close proximity, and apparently in great abundance—together with the range of iron ore deposits of at least forty miles in length, cannot fail to have weight in the determination of the route. Prof. Stranch is now in charge of a large force on the Davidia property, near Waynesboro, at which place the combination of ores mentioned is found, testing the extent and quality of the specular ores particularly. Specimens of this ore that we have seen, indicate unusual richness in pure metal, and if all present indications do not fail, a superior quality of steel ore will be demonstrated to exist.

With the combinations we have named, it is only a question of time when Furnaces will be erected to utilize them on the ground. With every facility for converting these ores into metal, it would imply a want of business sagacity to entirely depend upon shipping them for the profit that it is expected to realize from the investment. It takes time, however, to mature plans so costly and extensive as is implied in erecting Furnaces, and as the management of this property is composed of gentlemen of business comprehension and experience, we may reasonably expect them to move in that direction as soon as arrangements can be consummated for that purpose.—*Valley Virginian.*

FERROL AND QUINNIMONT.—Gov. Hartranft, President of the Pennsylvania and Virginia Coal and Iron Company; Hon. Thos. B. Cochran, a large stockholder; R. N. Pool, Esq., Vice President, and R. W. Dorphley, Treasurer of the Company—all of Philadelphia—have recently been on a business visit to Ferrol and Quinnimont. They have consummated the payment of the purchase money for Quinnimont—$200,000, and have their arrangements perfected to meet the payments on Ferrol, as they fall due.

At Quinnimont twenty additional coking ovens have just been completed, making the entire number two hundred, and everything is in active operation at that property, the Furnace turning out, on an average, thirty tons of superior iron every day. At Ferrol, Prof. Morris is making the survey for a narrow gauge railroad from the railroad to the ore banks, and washers are being placed in position for the ores. In the early spring work will commence on a 40 ton Furnace and the present furnace will be remodeled and improved so asto be placed in operation.

These properties are under the immediate supervision of Prof. J. F. Lewis, a distinguished mining engineer and methodical workman, and every thing indicates a very active year in the manufacture of iron and the mining and shipping of ores. It is expected to mine for shipment, exclusive of consumption at Ferrol and Quinnimont, at least 100,000 tons of ore this year.

We mention these facts with a great deal of pleasure. The active operations of this company and the superior iron and coke which are being turned out, cannot fail to attract the attention of capitalists to the rich iron and coal fields of Virginia and West Virginia, and hasten the developement of the resources which are eventually to lift Virginia out of her difficulties.—*Val. Virginian, 8th.*

Meeting of the Legislature

Is looked to with a great deal of interest by the people generally, not only of Rockingham but by all classes throughout the State. But we would here say that the importance of its assembling is nothing in comparison with the importance to each individual of good health. This can be secured by using SMITH & SHAKMAN'S Stomach Bitters, which are the best in the world for dyspepsia, loss of appetite, nervous afflictions, liver complaints, general debility and the like. Use it and no other. If not for sale in your town, have your merchant to order it, or order it yourself, of SMITH & SHAKMAN Wholesale Druggists, Baltimore, Md. 1y

THE MURDER IN GREENE.—Mention was made some weeks ago of a murder, which had been committed in Bacon's Hollow, in Greene. The preliminary trial before Justices McMullan, Sorrell and Dunnaway was concluded at Stanardsville on Tuesday of last week, and Hardin Shifflet, Sophronia Shifflet and Flournoy Shifflet, who were charged with the killing were lodged in jail to await the action of the Grand Jury. Daniel Howell, who was also arrested for complicity in the crime was discharged, and William Shifflet admitted to bail in the sum of $1000. The facts of the case are involved in much doubt, but it appears that Landsey Shifflet had circulated certain rumors affecting the character of Sophronia Shifflet, and on being called to account for the same by the parties mentioned above, he declined to retract them, and in the fight, which ensued he was killed. The Commonwealth was represented at the trial by its Attorney J. T. Bray, Montgomery Sims, of Greene, and Geo. Perkins of Albemarle, the defense by General Kemper, of Madison, Capt. F. M. McMullen and R S. Thomas, of Greene. The trial will probably be held at the February term of the County Court.—*Charlottesville Jeffersonian.*

HARRISONBURG PRICE CURRENT.

Harrisonburg, Va., Jan. 14, 1880.

GROCERIES AND PRODUCE.

Corrected by ROHR BROS. Wholesale & Retail Grocers

APPLES—Green, per barrel	$1 00@$1 50
" Dried, per pound	00 3@ 00 4
BACON—Va., Hog round, per pound	00 7@ 00¼
" Hams, per lb	9@ 10
" Sides, per lb	00 7@ 0 8
" Shoulders, per lb	00 5@ 00 6
" Sugar-cured Hams, per lb	12@ 14
" Baltimore Sides and Shoulders	00 0@ 0 00
BEESWAX—per lb	0 2 @ 0 00
BEANS—White, per bushel	1 60@ 2 00
" Mixed, per bushel	1 25@ 1 50
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—per lb	2½@ 0 00
BUTTER—No. 1 choice, per lb	15@ 16
" Good to fair	14@ 15
CEMENT—Round Top	2 00@ 0 00
CHEESE—	20@ 0 00
CHICKENS—Live, per doz	1 00@ 1 25
COFFEE—Rio, common	15@ 18
" " fair to prime	20@ 25
" Laguira	25@ 0 00
CORN—White, per bushel	50@ 0 60
" Yellow, per bushel	50@ 0 00
CORN MEAL—per bushel	60@ 0 00
DRIED FRUIT—Blackberries, per lb	00 4@ 00 5
" Cherries, per lb	12@ 14
" Currants, per lb	
" Peaches, per lb	10@ 12
EGGS—per dozen	14@ 5
FLOUR—Superfine, per bbl	4 75@ 5 00
" Extra, per bbl	6 00@ 6 25
" Family, per bbl	6 75@ 7 00
FEATHERS—Pure, new Geese, per lb	0 50@ 0 00
" Common and mixed, per lb	0 35@ 0 00
FLAXSEED—per bushel	1 50@ 0 00
FISH—Potomac Herring, per bbl	0 00@ 0 00
" Lake Herring, per bbl	0 00@ 0 00
" Mackeral, per kit	0 75@ 1 00
GUANO—per ton	0 00@ 0 00
HERD-GRASS SEED, per bushel	0 00@ 0 00
LARD—Virginia, per lb	05½@ 00 6
" Baltimore, per lb	0 10@ 0 11
MOLASSES—Black Strap, per gal	0 30@ 0 00
" Porto Rico, per gal	0 40@ 0 75
" New Orleans, per gal	0 60@ 0 70
" Bright Syrups, per gal	0 50@ 0 74
ONIONS—per bushel	0 60@ 0 70
OIL—Kerosine, in bbls, per gallon	0 13@ 0 15
OATS—Bright, per bushel	0 38@ 0 40
POTATOES—Irish, per bushel	0 50@ 0 60
" Sweet, per bushel	1 00@ 1 50
RYE—per bushel	0 55@ 0 60
RICE—per lb., in barrels	00 8@ 0 10
SALT—Liverpool, per sack	2 25@ 0 00
" Ground Alum, per sack	1 50@ 0 00
SUGAR—Yellow, per lb	7¾@ 8¾
" White, per lb	00 8@ 8¾
" Granulated, per lb	0 11@ 11½
SEEDS—Timothy, per bushel	2 00@ 2 25
" Clover, per bushel	6 00@ 6 25
SHINGLES—per 1000	2 00@ 4 00
TEA—Green, per lb	0 40@ 1 50
" Black, per lb	0 50@ 0 75
" Mixed, per lb	0 40@ 0 60
TURPENTINE—per gallon	0 30@ 0 00
VINEGAR—per gallon, in barrels	0 16@ 0 00
WOOL—Washed, per lb	0 33@ 0 36
" Unwashed, per lb	0 28@ 0 30
SOLE LEATHER, Red, per lb	0 28@ 0 30
" White, per lb	0 32@ 0 40
SHELLBARKS—per bushel	0 60@ 0 75
HICKORYNUTS—per bushel	0 25@ 0 40

LEADING FARM and MILL PRODUCTS.

Corrected by S. H. MOFFETT & CO, Wholesale Dealers.

CORN—per bushel	$ 45a$ 48
CORN MEAL—White, bolted, per bush.	50a 55
" " Yellow, unbolted	50
OATS—per bushel	33a 35
OFFAL—Bran and Shorts, per ton	15 00a 17 00
" Middlings, per ton	18 00a 20 00
FLOUR—Superfine	5 00a 0 00
" Extra	5 75a 6 00
" Family	0 00a 6 50
RYE—in quantity, per bush	a 60
WHEAT—Good to prime, per bush	1 27a 1 30
" Best, per bush	0 00a 1 80

DRY GOODS.

Corrected by BRENNAN & SOUTHWICK.

ALPACAS	$ 15@ 62½
CALICOS—Side bands and choice styles,	0 00@ 7½
" Best brands	0 00@ 00 6
" Light colors	0 00@ 00 5
COTTONS—White bleached, per yard	00 5@ 0 12
" Brown, per yard	00 5@ 00 9
" Yarns, per bunch	0 00@ 1 10
" Bats, per lb	12½@ 0 18
COLLARS—Ladies', all Linen	0

OLD COMMONWEALTH

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 15, 1880.

THE FARM AND HOME.

Plaster on Potatoes.

At the time I commenced farming in 1836, having but little dressing to feed any crop, although it was then the opinion in this locality that potatoes would succeed without dressing, I concluded I would use gypsum on three-fourths of an acre. The ground having been furrowed and ready to plant, in the four first rows on the west side of the piece plaster was dropped where the hills were intended to be; and the next four were not plastered; then the remainder of the ground plastered the same as the first four; potatoes dropped and all covered alike with hoe; when they were of sufficient size to hoe, they were all hoed alike, but the tops in the four unplastered rows were much smaller and color not nearly so dark; after hoeing I threw upon the tops of the two middle rows, which were unplastered at the time of planting, about the quantity of plaster per hill as put in the hill of others at the time of planting; the two last plastered rows soon changed shade to those plastered when planted, and soon there was no perceptible difference in size of tops. The two unplastered rows continued to lag behind both in size and shade until Jack-frost (rather an early one) made a change. I did not think it severe enough to kill anything, but a few days after I went toward that part of the field where the potatoes were, and found all that had been plastered killed by frost, and leaves turned black; while those that had not been plastered at all (the right and left of the two middle rows which were plastered after having been hoed) remained as green and growing as before the frost, which was about three weeks after the first. To determine the result at digging, I measured the same number of hills of each from rows side by side, and found the plastered hills yielded the most, notwithstanding the effects of the early frost. The more vigorous and tender growth of those plastered made them susceptible to the early frost, according to my reasoning. Had there been no frost until the unplastered ones were killed by it, I think the plastered ones would have yielded a fourth more than the unplastered from an equal number of hills.—*Rufus Moody.*

Domestic Recipes.

SAUCE FOR WILD FOWLS.—As this is the wild fowl season it may be a charity considering the horrid concoctions often served up with such birds, to give the excellent recipe for sauce published by Mr. Haywood in his admirable and interesting essay on the "Art of Dining:"—One saltspoon of salt, half to two-thirds saltspoon of cayenne, one dessert spoon of lemon juice, one desert spoon of pounded sugar, two dessert-spoons of Harvey and three of port wine. To be well mixed, heated and poured over the bird, it having been previously sliced in several places, so that the sauce may mix with its own gravy. The bird to be put in the dish without anything.

TO SOFTEN HARD WATER.—Take two pounds of washing soda and one pound of common lime, and boil in five gallons of water for two or three hours; then stand away to settle and dip off the clear water from the top, and put into a jug. Can be used for washing dishes or cleaning, and one teacupful in a boiler of clothes, put in after the water is hot, will whiten the clothes and soften the water, without injury to hands or clothes. I use an old iron pot to make it in.

FOR WEAK EYES.—Bathe the eyes in soft water that is sufficiently impregnated with spirits of camphor to be discernable to the smell.—a teaspoonful of spirits of camphor to a tumbler of water. For inflamed eyes use milk and camphor, adding a little more of the camphor than above. An excellent lotion, commended by a leading Boston oculist, is a solution of 10 grains of borax in the officinal "camphor water" (not the "tincture of camphor.") This is safe and beneficial as an application in any slight weakness or inflammation of the eyes due to exposure or weariness. In serious cases professional advice should always be taken.

Watch Your Birds.

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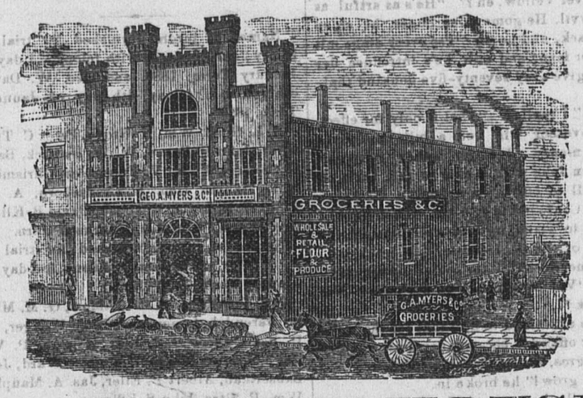

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